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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Niessen, et al.


Title: METHOD OF  
MONITORING FOR  
AVAILABILITY OF A  
SYSTEM FUNCTION IN A  
COMPUTER SYSTEM

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (15 pages, includes Marked-Up Version).
- ☒ Clean Version of Amendment and Reply (9 pages).
- ☒ New Drawing Sheets (2 pages, Figs. 3 and 4).

Miscellaneous:

- ☒ Change of Correspondence Address (1 page).
- ☒ Request For Corrected/Updated Filing Receipt (2 pages).
- ☒ Copy of official Filing Receipt; dated July 3, 2001 (3 pages).
- ☒ Copy of PTO Return Postcard bearing USPTO date stamp of June 14, 2002 (1 double-sided page).
- ☒ Copy of previously filed Change of Correspondence Address (1 page).

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	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee § 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	4	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independents	2	- 6	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00
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